

IC 31-19-15

Chapter 15. Effect of Adoption on Parents

IC 31-19-15-1**Effect upon duties, obligations, and rights of biological parents**

Sec. 1. Except as provided in section 2 of this chapter or IC 31-19-16, if the biological parents of an adopted person are alive, the biological parents are:

(1) relieved of all legal duties and obligations to the adopted child; and

(2) divested of all rights with respect to the child;

after the adoption.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.11.

IC 31-19-15-2**Stepparent adoptions**

Sec. 2. (a) If the adoptive parent of a child is married to a biological parent of the child, the parent-child relationship of the biological parent is not affected by the adoption.

(b) After the adoption, the adoptive father or mother, or both:

(1) occupy the same position toward the child that the adoptive father or the adoptive mother, or both, would occupy if the adoptive father or adoptive mother, or both, were the biological father or mother; and

(2) are jointly and severally liable for the maintenance and education of the person.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.11.